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POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS : VICTORIA

Period	Marriages	Births	Deaths	Natural Increase (a)	Net Migration (b)	Population	
						Whole State(c)	Metro-politan(d)
1951-52	20,747	51,757	24,039	27,718	40,198	2,344,491	1,330,800
1952-53	19,302	54,108	22,514	31,594	19,169	2,395,254	1,359,100
1953-54	19,567	53,910	23,054	30,856	26,231	2,452,341	1,388,800
1954-55	19,454	55,497	22,407	33,090	37,587	2,523,018	1,544,500
1955-56	20,378	57,627	22,657	34,970	47,100	2,605,088	1,595,300
1956-57	19,889	59,185	24,355	34,830	33,580	2,673,498	1,677,100
1957-58	21,034	60,136	23,831	36,305	31,594	2,741,397	1,726,100
1958-59	20,293	62,799	25,107	37,692	35,434	2,814,523	1,777,700
1959-60	20,804	62,518	24,488	38,030	39,195	2,891,748	1,831,100
1960-61	20,714	66,049	24,546	41,503	n.a.	n.a.	1,907,366(f)
1957 -							
Sep. Qr.	4,376	14,958	7,157	7,801	9,817	2,691,116	n.a.
Dec. Qr.	5,926	15,689	5,868	9,821	- 302	2,700,635	n.a.
1958 -							
Mar. Qr.	5,146	15,187	4,949	10,238	15,544	2,726,417	n.a.
June Qr.	5,586	14,302	5,857	8,445	6,535	2,741,397	1,726,100
Sep. Qr.	4,028	15,968	7,019	8,949	5,507	2,755,853	n.a.
Dec. Qr.	5,889	15,812	5,800	10,012	5,054	2,770,919	n.a.
1959 -							
Mar. Qr.	5,312	14,715	5,609	9,106	16,934	2,796,959	n.a.
June Qr.	5,064	16,304	6,679	9,625	7,939	2,814,523	1,777,700
Sep. Qr.	4,246	15,465	6,860	8,605	6,884	2,830,012	n.a.
Dec. Qr.	5,834	15,761	5,930	9,831	3,060	2,842,903	n.a.
1960 -							
Mar. Qr.	5,277	15,229	5,584	9,645	22,812	2,875,360	n.a.
June Qr.	5,447	16,063	6,114	9,949	6,439	2,891,748	1,831,100
Sep. Qr.	4,078	17,019(e)	7,861(e)	9,158(e)	9,913	2,910,819	n.a.
Dec. Qr.	5,825	15,714(e)	4,988(e)	10,726(e)	3,988	2,925,533	n.a.
1961 -							
Mar. Qr.	5,510	16,465(e)	5,655(e)	10,810(e)	16,540	2,952,883	n.a.
June Qr.	5,301	16,851	6,042	10,809	n.a.	n.a.	1,907,366(f)

(a) Excess of Births over Deaths.

(b) Excess of interstate and oversea arrivals over departures. Interstate migration relates to recorded movements by rail, sea, and air, and certain special movements by road.

(c) At end of each period. For each date subsequent to the census of 30th June, 1954, the estimated population represents the population ascertained at the census plus natural increase and net migration since that date. As complete records of interstate migration are not available, the estimated population so derived is subject to revision at the next census.

(d) At middle of each period to 1955-56 and at the end of each period thereafter.

(e) Owing to changes in the registration procedure, figures for September and December quarters, 1960, and March quarter, 1961 are not strictly comparable with those for corresponding quarters of other years.

(f) Preliminary figures from Census Field Count - subject to amendment.

n.a. : Not available.

NOTE : Population increase of the State is the sum of natural increase and net migration.

3.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNINGS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT : VICTORIA
 (Excluding Rural Workers, Female Private Domestics, and Defence Forces)
 ('000)

Month	Total Employees			Total Employees in Main Industrial Groups				
	Government (a)	Private Employers	Total	Factories	Building and Con- struc- tion	Trans- port and Comm- unic- ation	Commerce and Finance	Pro- fessional and Personal Services (b)
<u>MALES</u>								
1957-June	162.7	423.3	586.0	245.8	50.6	74.9	100.5	56.1
1958-June	166.1	426.8	592.9	248.1	50.8	74.9	103.2	57.0
1959-June	169.3	434.1	603.4	254.1	50.7	75.9	105.0	58.6
1960 -								
June	168.9	454.5	623.4	268.1	50.7	75.3	108.9	61.2
July	168.2	455.3	623.5	268.7	50.6	75.4	108.2	61.3
Aug.	167.7	456.6	624.3	269.3	50.3	75.3	108.8	61.4
1961 -								
June	174.9	443.3	618.2	254.5	51.9	79.0	109.5	62.8
July	175.2	438.7	613.9	252.5	50.6	78.6	108.9	62.6
Aug.	175.3	438.6	613.9	252.8	50.1	78.1	109.4	62.8
<u>FEMALES</u>								
1957-June	42.1	198.3	240.4	94.3	1.4	11.4	58.1	65.2
1958-June	43.1	201.4	244.5	94.7	1.5	11.3	60.7	66.3
1959-June	45.2	207.6	252.8	97.6	1.5	11.6	62.2	69.5
1960 -								
June	46.6	221.5	268.1	106.1	1.7	11.9	65.7	72.3
July	46.6	222.0	268.6	106.3	1.7	11.8	66.0	72.1
Aug.	46.5	221.9	268.4	106.6	1.7	11.9	65.6	72.0
1961 -								
June	48.6	213.4	262.0	96.7	1.8	12.1	66.2	74.5
July	48.8	211.1	259.9	95.1	1.8	12.1	65.8	74.1
Aug.	48.7	211.6	260.3	95.5	1.8	12.0	66.0	74.0
<u>PERSONS</u>								
1957-June	204.8	621.6	826.4	340.1	52.0	86.3	158.6	121.3
1958-June	209.2	628.2	837.4	342.8	52.3	86.2	163.9	123.3
1959-June	214.5	641.7	856.2	351.7	52.2	87.5	167.2	128.1
1960 -								
June	215.5	676.0	891.5	374.2	52.4	87.2	174.6	133.5
July	214.8	677.3	892.1	375.0	52.3	87.2	174.2	133.4
Aug.	214.2	678.5	892.7	375.9	52.0	87.2	174.4	133.4
1961 -								
June	223.5	656.7	880.2	351.2	53.7	91.1	175.7	137.3
July	224.0	649.8	873.8	347.6	52.4	90.7	174.7	136.7
Aug.	224.0	650.2	874.2	348.3	51.9	90.1	175.4	136.8

(a) Commonwealth, State, local, and allied governmental authorities.

(b) Includes education, health, hotels, and restaurants.

BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES (a) - ADULT MALES : MELBOURNE

Month of Change	Under Commonwealth Awards	Under Determinations of State Wages Boards		
		£.	s.	d.
1950 - November	7. 3. 0	7. 3. 0		
December	8. 2. 0 (b)	8. 2. 0 (b)		
1951 - May	8.17. 0	8.17. 0		
1952 - May	10.12. 0	10.12. 0		
1953 - May	11.12. 0	11.12. 0		
August	11.15. 0	11.15. 0		
November		11.17. 0		
1954 - August		11.16. 0		
1955 - May		11.17. 0		
1956 - May		12.16. 0		
June	12. 5. 0 (b)			
August		13. 3. 0		
1957 - May	12.15. 0 (b)			
1958 - May	13. 0. 0 (b)			
1959 - June	13.15. 0 (b)			
1961 - July	14. 7. 0 (b)	13.15. 0 (b)		
		14. 7. 0 (b)		

(a) Covers selected rates but does not include all of the variations since May, 1960.

(b) Rates declared subsequent to a Commonwealth basic wage enquiry.

Female rates : Since December, 1950, female rates have been 75% of the corresponding male rates; previously they have varied according to the award or determination under which they were payable.

Note : Up to August, 1953, basic wage rates under Wages Board Determinations generally followed those fixed by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration. In September, 1953, automatic quarterly adjustments of the basic wage were discontinued by the Commonwealth Court, but were continued for State Wages Board Determinations until August, 1956.

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (a) : VICTORIA

(£)

Period	Sep. Qr.	Dec. Qr.	March Qr.	June Qr.	Year
1952-53	15.33	16.58	14.84	16.09	15.71
1953-54	16.42	17.36	15.86	16.93	16.64
1954-55	17.24	18.04	16.73	18.35	17.59
1955-56	18.30	19.26	17.95	19.61	18.78
1956-57	19.44	20.45	18.78	20.12	19.70
1957-58	19.97	21.27	19.14	20.49	20.22
1958-59	20.52	21.85	19.44	20.97	20.69
1959-60	21.60	22.68	21.52	23.30	22.28
1960-61	23.25	24.44	22.32	23.37	23.34

(a) Total wages divided by total civil employment expressed in male earnings.

NOTE : Comparisons of trends should be made for complete years. Quarterly averages are affected by seasonal influences.

MINIMUM WEEKLY WAGE RATES (a) : VICTORIA

5.

End of Month	Rates of Wages (b)						Index Numbers (Base : Australia 1954 = 100)			
	Adult Males		Adult Females		Adult Males		Adult Females			
	Manuf- acturing	All Ind- ustries	Manuf- acturing	All Ind- ustries	Manuf- acturing	All Ind- ustries	Manuf- acturing	All Ind- ustries	Manuf- acturing	All Ind- ustries
s.d.										
1956-December	307	3	309	7	213	6	220	3	108.8	109.6
1957-December	314	5	316	0	220	0	225	0	111.3	111.9
1958-December	318	1	319	8	222	8	227	6	112.6	113.2
1959-December	342	6	r344	2	236	1	241	3	121.3	r121.9
1960-December	347	7	r349	10	241	2	246	7	123.1	r123.9
1961 June	348	1	r350	3	241	3	246	8	123.2	124.0
July	358	6	r360	1	n.a.		n.a.		126.9	127.5
August	360	3	361	9	n.a.		n.a.		127.6	128.1

(a) Indexes of weighted average minimum weekly rates payable for a full week's work (excluding overtime) and index numbers of wage rates, as prescribed in awards, determinations and agreements. The indexes are designed to measure movements in prescribed minimum rates of "wages" as distinct from "salaries". Consequently, awards, etc., relating mainly to salary earners are excluded. Rural industries are also excluded.

(b) The money amounts shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as an index of changes expressed in money terms.

n.a. : Not available.

r : Revised.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK (a) : VICTORIA

Period	Number of Disputes	Workers Involved			Working Days Lost	Estimated Loss in Wages £'000
		Directly	Indirectly (b)	Total		
1956-57	46	20,267	1,015	21,282	20,262	65
1957-58	65	44,701	548	45,249	83,105	287
1958-59	56	15,307	1,172	16,479	42,118	146
1959-60	76	71,686	807	72,493	68,554	255
1960-61	105	76,272	733	77,005	113,046	461
1959 -						
Sep. Qr.	11	11,396	6	11,402	2,982	10
Dec. Qr.	19	7,552	799	8,351	16,728	60
1960 -						
Mar. Qr.	27	32,093	2	32,095	27,904	103
June Qr.	19	20,645	-	20,645	20,940	82
Sep. Qr.	21	19,159	-	19,159	15,468	57
Dec. Qr.	31	14,105	-	14,105	38,493	155
1961 -						
Mar. Qr.	28	13,735	221	13,956	26,283	119
June Qr.	25	29,273	512	29,785	32,802	130

(a) Refers only to disputes involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more.

(b) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppage occurred, but who were not themselves parties to the dispute.

UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS, AND SPECIAL BENEFITS

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFITS AND AMOUNTS PAID IN BENEFITS : VICTORIA

Period	Number on Benefit (a)			Amount Paid in Benefits during Period				
	Unem- ployment	Sick- ness	Special		Unem- ployment	Sick- ness	Special	
			Ordinary	Migrants (b)			Ordinary	Migrants (c)
							(£)	
1951-52	220	1,621	262	-	11,215	181,117	23,856	22,752
1952-53	6,168	1,732	358	-	923,732	370,354	58,344	82,222
1953-54	2,698	1,987	458	-	507,676	405,414	78,490	48,552
1954-55	1,538	1,991	544	-	99,305	387,452	80,358	41,845
1955-56	479	1,684	528	-	74,664	345,171	83,878	43,559
1956-57	3,349	1,607	525	-	530,959	339,414	84,630	70,496
1957-58	5,127	1,604	557	-	1,011,800	406,032	106,158	115,576
1958-59	5,743	1,871	627	419	1,224,299	508,980	126,441	60,556
1959-60	4,267	2,071	742	319	935,501	546,165	148,009	54,077
1960-61	4,884	2,085	879	369	895,640	542,147	175,267	58,495
1958 -								
Apr.	5,006	1,534	588	-	83,867	39,989	10,857	5,167
May	5,984	1,723	607	-	101,650	38,580	11,817	5,141
June	6,899	1,861	593	-	103,707	46,800	11,016	2,056
July	7,442	1,909	601	192	128,807	45,236	9,346	4,280
Aug.	7,435	2,029	614	205	137,362	46,039	10,330	3,660
Sep.	6,735	2,009	604	708	112,751	37,411	9,295	822
1959 -								
Apr.	5,136	1,807	636	365	82,917	46,025	14,057	4,850
May	5,643	1,889	683	835	99,287	48,798	13,206	5,600
June	6,013	1,972	716	495	99,058	44,305	10,280	10,319
July	6,339	2,011	703	452	127,119	54,753	16,274	7,777
Aug.	6,012	2,099	725	418	102,991	41,913	11,666	11,174
Sep.	5,281	2,127	730	167	104,224	46,351	14,040	1,055
1960 -								
Apr.	3,588	2,017	769	631	56,331	43,588	11,412	4,672
May	3,768	2,018	746	73	59,053	43,266	11,659	8,254
June	3,676	2,082	754	39	60,373	38,072	8,028	2,287
July	3,531	2,097	782	71	71,588	48,723	13,723	2,428
Aug.	3,052	2,233	797	117	55,712	40,692	10,808	3,425
Sep.	2,584	2,156	809	52	53,586	53,968	14,206	2,135
1961 -								
Apr.	7,537	2,021	956	947	78,235	39,249	15,525	5,984
May	11,190	2,039	933	1,150	131,008	34,197	13,220	16,699
June	16,089	2,121	915	939	291,010	66,103	28,775	8,139
July	19,798	2,290	930	1,467	325,279	52,541	18,254r	13,181r
Aug.	20,302	2,347	929	1,242	373,887	47,069	14,841	13,873
Sep.	19,380	2,344	911	784	321,847	43,371	17,025	12,723

Source: Department of Social Services.

(a) Average of monthly figures for financial years and thereafter on benefit on last Saturday of month.

(b) Not available prior to July, 1958.

(c) In reception and training centres.

r : Revised.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX : MELBOURNE
(Base of Each Group : Year 1952-53 = 100)

Period	Food	Clothing and Drapery	Housing	Household Supplies and Equipment	Miscellaneous	All Groups
1954-55	103.9	101.2	105.4	100.6	99.7	102.0
1955-56	112.2	102.8	113.8	101.6	108.3	108.1
1956-57	117.8	104.9	122.8	105.2	117.8	114.0
1957-58	114.3	108.4	127.3	106.2	118.8	114.4
1958-59	116.1	109.6	129.4	109.2	122.2	116.6
1959-60	120.8	110.7	135.8	110.9	125.5	120.0
1960-61	130.2	112.8	151.2	112.5	129.2	125.9
1960 -						
June Qr.	124.2	111.6	144.3	111.9	128.9	123.0
Sep. Qr.	129.1	111.9	147.2	112.3	128.9	124.9
Dec. Qr.	129.2	112.7	150.2	112.4	129.2	125.5
1961 -						
Mar. Qr.	130.4	112.9	152.5	112.3	129.2	126.1
June Qr.	132.0	113.6	154.9	113.1	129.3	127.1
Sep. Qr.	130.9	113.6	155.0	113.6	129.3	126.8

CONSUMPTION OF MAIN PETROLEUM PRODUCTS : VICTORIA (a)
('000 gallons.)

Period	Aviation Gasoline	Motor Spirit (b)	Aviation Turbine Fuel	Lighting Kerosine	Power Kerosine	Diesel Oil (c)		Furnace Oil (d)
						Auto-motive	Indus-trial	
1955-56	8,605	278,405	3,910	14,877	20,357	30,951	47,494	104,664
1956-57	8,557	292,862	6,045	13,753	18,614	37,849	47,030	132,171
1957-58	7,571	312,775	6,778	14,411	18,765	41,719	47,502	135,853
1958-59	6,513	336,485	8,297	15,301	18,721	45,341	51,297	133,079
1959-60	4,369	366,210	17,322	16,909	16,909	49,950	53,348	140,735
1960-61	4,184	392,175	15,352	16,850	16,197	55,905	55,740	114,963
1960 -								
Mar.	333	33,245	1,278	1,099	1,783	5,059	4,305	7,675
Apr.	302	29,793	1,227	1,179	1,379	4,015	3,841	14,468
May	282	31,554	1,460	1,984	1,795	4,655	5,780	14,691
June	318	32,403	1,328	2,034	1,420	4,630	5,672	11,884
July	299	29,011	1,215	2,116	831	3,801	5,948	14,116
Aug.	361	31,443	1,372	2,011	828	4,048	6,411	11,644
1961 -								
Mar.	379	35,030	1,384	1,408	1,187	4,900	4,134	9,245
Apr.	335	30,254	1,174	1,193	1,406	4,509	3,739	8,636
May	313	34,201	1,339	1,680	1,794	5,595	5,339	8,499
June	340	33,502	1,282	1,990	1,290	5,085	5,376	12,030
July	262	29,242	1,084	1,922	803	4,120	5,307	7,554
Aug.	263	33,045	1,283	1,867	828	5,236	5,766	15,510

Source : Division of Fuel, Department of National Development.

(a) State Marketing area, which includes whole of Victoria, plus the Riverina district in N.S.W.

(b) Includes super and standard grades.

(c) Excludes bunker oil.

(d) Excludes refinery fuel.

PRODUCTION STATISTICS : VICTORIA
SELECTED LIST OF COMMODITIES (a)

Period	Electricity	Gas	Sulphuric Acid	Super-phosphate	Brown Coal	Butter (b)	Meat (c)	Flour (Wheaten)
	mill. kWh.	mill. cu. ft.			'000 tons			'000 short tons
1950-51	2,876	11,446	242.0	615.1	7,300	57.98	258.0	488.8
1951-52	2,964	12,525	242.8	633.0	8,096	59.24	267.1	559.2
1952-53	3,193	13,136	220.4	571.3	8,075	57.32	294.7	591.4
1953-54	3,693	13,715	252.9	659.5	8,731	63.61	292.5	473.8
1954-55	4,151	14,290	275.1	722.9	9,668	79.51	320.4	452.5
1955-56	4,647	14,461	296.3	760.2	10,383	90.67	306.8	451.5
1956-57	4,991	15,746	269.2	642.9	10,772	88.60	311.4	450.8
1957-58	5,321	16,684	314.6	773.9	10,859	86.18	374.1	470.8
1958-59	5,704	17,306	308.5	775.2	12,337	88.13	405.9	436.8
1959-60	6,198	17,992	323.1	855.0	14,028	89.39	405.6	419.1
1960-61	6,577	18,029	319.3	867.7	15,730	89.51	359.8	470.2
1959 -								
Mar.	432	1,263	30.2	75.4	1,011	6.32	34.1	33.1
Apr.	468	1,342	34.5	99.0	1,024	4.87	32.0	35.2
May	536	1,626	30.2	74.7	1,130	3.22	33.3	37.8
June	565	1,752	26.4	74.2	1,188	2.34	32.4	39.2
July	606	1,887	21.3	55.4	1,262	3.15	33.1	37.2
Aug.	564	1,792	22.3	53.4	1,209	6.13	27.6	35.6
1960 -								
Mar.	486	1,241	31.1	94.4	1,168	5.51	35.2	31.8
Apr.	481	1,396	32.4	89.7	1,128	3.13	31.6	29.4
May	605	1,792	33.4	87.8	1,291	2.15	27.8	37.2
June	618	1,832	31.6	87.0	1,334	2.01	24.8	34.8
July	638	1,957	26.1	65.7	1,403	3.17	23.7	36.0
Aug.	653	1,913	25.2	71.9	1,423	6.87	23.9	41.4
1961 -								
Mar.	485	1,278	31.4	99.2	1,259	4.76	32.1	39.2
Apr.	486	1,371	32.3	85.1	1,269	3.56	26.2	35.4
May	609	1,750	36.0	104.0	1,486	3.19	29.0	44.0
June	592	1,817	28.1	79.7	1,441	2.82	26.1	37.4
July	656	1,981	24.6	62.0	1,484	4.08	r 25.0	39.4
Aug.	659	1,885	27.0	n.a.	1,576	8.08	29.3	46.0

(a) Particulars of production of other commodities appear in the Victorian Monthly Production Bulletin which is obtainable free of charge on application.

(b) Factory Production only.

(c) Bone-in weight.

n.a. Not available.

r : Revised.

NOTE : All figures from July, 1960 are subject to revision.

PRODUCTION STATISTICS : VICTORIA
SELECTED LIST OF COMMODITIES (a)

9.

Period	Beer (b)	Clay Bricks	Roofing Tiles	Fibrous Plaster Sheets	Sawn Native Timber	Electric Motors	Motor Bodies	Footwear (c)
	mill. gall.		mill.	'000 sq.yds.	mill. sup.ft.		No.	'000 prs.
1950-51	52.90	178.6	35.02	6,606	329.6	94,490	48,736	13,349
1951-52	56.17	185.2	35.63	7,317	348.5	113,610	49,667	12,443
1952-53	57.88	164.6	32.31	6,754	322.2	102,857	38,069	11,689
1953-54	63.63	198.5	32.65	6,665	339.0	160,219	63,019	13,873
1954-55	68.09	209.2	35.80	7,343	362.3	168,079	66,056	13,724
1955-56	71.59	225.5	39.36	8,069	351.3	175,313	83,213	14,379
1956-57	67.61	208.2	34.01	7,431	342.4	188,309	64,159	15,231
1957-58	69.34	236.4	34.55	7,621	346.4	213,046	90,495	16,199
1958-59	70.26	257.9	37.49	8,297	344.0	260,164	101,721	18,321
1959-60	74.15	283.2	36.91	8,199	350.3	301,431	132,195	21,081
1960-61	77.11	289.8	34.62	7,490	316.8	311,323	132,245	20,224
1959 -								
Mar.	5.78	20.9	2.87	665	28.3	21,669	8,908	1,502
Apr.	5.63	22.9	3.34	742	31.1	24,132	10,636	1,672
May	5.07	23.1	3.16	701	30.5	23,081	10,055	1,600
June	4.52	22.6	2.95	705	29.7	22,269	9,039	1,708
July	5.59	25.3	3.22	724	31.6	24,585	10,591	1,677
Aug.	5.58	22.8	3.20	708	29.2	22,893	10,176	1,853
1960 -								
Mar.	6.43	26.3	3.45	758	33.5	30,379	13,730	1,793
Apr.	5.94	22.5	3.02	643	26.1	27,083	10,855	1,651
May	4.57	25.7	3.50	718	31.8	26,850	13,793	1,942
June	4.53	25.0	3.54	718	31.5	28,737	13,321	1,969
July	5.66	26.0	3.52	708	30.0	24,966	13,294	1,728
Aug.	6.22	27.2	3.75	768	31.7	28,963	14,643	2,045
1961 -								
Mar.	6.83	23.6	2.46	567	25.9	27,211	10,170	1,850
Apr.	5.85	20.3	2.16	514	21.6	19,172	6,959	1,574
May	5.16	23.6	2.88	586	27.1	24,791	9,538	1,864
June	5.02	21.3	2.31	551	24.1	22,238	7,177	1,546
July	5.68	21.6	2.17	521	24.5	21,197	7,231	1,618
Aug.	6.11	22.8	2.69	559	n.a.	27,177	6,845	1,867

(a) Particulars of production of other commodities appear in the Victorian Monthly Production Bulletin which is obtainable free of charge on application.

(b) From 1956-57 onwards represents quantity produced (incl. waste) as recorded by Department of Customs and Excise.

(c) Excludes rubber.

n.a. Not available.

NOTE : All figures from July, 1960 are subject to revision.

NEW HOUSES AND FLATS - NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS : VICTORIA

Period	Houses (Dwelling Units)				Flats (Dwelling Units)			
	Approved (a)	Com- menced	Com- pleted	Under Constr- uction (b)	Approved (a)	Com- menced	Com- pleted	Under Constr- uction (b)
1951-52	n.a.	23,506	24,088	26,726	n.a.	432	416	881
1952-53	n.a.	16,254	21,284	21,675	n.a.	490	692	685
1953-54	20,963	20,915	21,593	20,995	872	739	689	735
1954-55	23,000	22,674	23,839	19,827	1,157	1,183	781	1,137
1955-56	21,801	21,245	22,652	18,399	776	715	1,273	579
1956-57	19,868	19,649	20,185	17,863	1,259	1,110	897	792
1957-58	22,719	21,933	21,367	18,429	1,380	1,280	1,104	971
1958-59	22,826	22,443	24,329	16,543	1,965	1,826	1,434	1,363
1959-60	24,585	23,201	24,157	15,587	4,480	3,521	2,062	2,822
1960-61	18,432	18,517	22,094	12,010	5,077	4,672	4,183	3,311
1956 - Dec. Qr.	4,820	4,812	5,346	17,238	137	263	181	608
1957 - Mar. Qr.	5,133	4,923	4,480	17,681	412	280	169	719
June Qr.	5,172	5,071	4,889	17,863	482	446	373	792
Sep. Qr.	5,583	5,153	4,813	18,203	380	327	306	813
Dec. Qr.	5,631	5,133	5,798	17,538	331	259	303	769
1958 - Mar. Qr.	5,641	5,732	5,084	18,186	308	323	205	887
June Qr.	5,964	5,915	5,672	18,429	361	374	290	971
Sep. Qr.	6,382	6,089	6,022	18,496	453	355	364	962
Dec. Qr.	5,935	5,428	6,669	17,255	528	321	407	876
1959 - Mar. Qr.	4,707	5,438	5,553	17,140	298	526	329	1,073
June Qr.	5,802	5,488	6,085	16,543	686	624	334	1,363
Sep. Qr.	6,077	5,558	5,856	16,245	806	542	415	1,490
Dec. Qr.	6,087	5,878	6,503	15,620	778	771	616	1,645
1960 - Mar. Qr.	6,065	5,754	5,509	15,865	1,130	964	392	2,217
June Qr.	6,356	6,011	6,289	15,587	1,766	1,244	639	2,822
Sep. Qr.	6,058	5,904	6,264	15,227	1,985	1,570	917	3,475
Dec. Qr.	5,007	4,986	6,484	13,729	1,686	1,778	1,180	4,073
1961 - Mar. Qr.	3,184	3,856	4,713	12,872	544	628	858	3,843
June Qr.	4,183	3,771	4,633	12,010	862	696	1,228	3,311
Sep. Qr.	4,581	(c)4,765	(c)4,504	(c)12,271	733	(c)759	(c)1,284	(c)2,786

(a) Approvals comprise permits issued by local government authorities and contracts let or day labour work approved by government authorities.

(b) At end of period.

(c) Preliminary estimates.

n.a. Not available.

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS : VICTORIA
(£'000)

11.

Period	Houses and Flats	Shops	Factories	Business Premises	Education	Health	Other	Total
<u>COMMENCED</u>								
1957-58	75,620	3,661	16,013	10,893	4,207	5,320	6,419	122,133
1958-59	78,887	6,036	16,599	14,518	5,314	2,157	8,096	131,607
1959-60	90,865	6,495	19,270	17,319	8,990	2,325	8,340	153,604
1960-61	84,173	5,176	21,126	15,380	10,311	5,211	13,999	155,376
1959 -								
Sep. Qr.	20,456	2,482	4,624	4,529	2,292	969	2,240	37,592
Dec. Qr.	21,851	1,297	3,124	4,967	1,992	201	1,732	35,164
1960 -								
Mar. Qr.	22,872	1,511	6,303	5,081	1,585	562	2,217	40,131
June Qr.	25,686	1,205	5,219	2,742	3,121	593	2,151	40,717
Sep. Qr.	27,000	1,761	6,179	4,752	2,353	2,806	2,696	47,547
Dec. Qr.	24,146	1,192	6,311	6,532	2,898	317	2,634	44,030
1961 -								
Mar. Qr.	16,509	1,157	4,047	2,171	1,615	1,459	6,241	33,199
June Qr.	16,518	1,066	4,589	1,925	3,445	629	2,428	30,600

<u>COMPLETED</u>								
1957-58	73,196	3,666	19,219	14,391	7,600	6,753	6,931	131,756
1958-59	84,772	4,761	16,096	13,920	4,495	3,993	9,400	137,437
1959-60	87,208	5,382	21,506	15,301	6,521	2,913	9,331	148,162
1960-61	92,334	6,901	26,581	17,193	7,700	2,724	9,719	163,152
1959 -								
Sep. Qr.	20,752	1,137	5,076	3,627	1,303	439	3,310	35,644
Dec. Qr.	23,422	1,474	6,031	3,978	789	1,503	2,934	40,131
1960 -								
Mar. Qr.	19,952	1,118	5,860	4,026	2,094	601	1,372	35,023
June Qr.	23,082	1,653	4,539	3,670	2,335	370	1,715	37,364
Sep. Qr.	24,540	3,053	7,303	4,365	1,336	446	1,917	42,960
Dec. Qr.	26,277	1,998	5,105	4,489	1,288	643	2,346	42,146
1961 -								
Mar. Qr.	19,999	790	8,061	5,174	2,046	843	3,283	40,196
June Qr.	21,518	1,060	6,112	3,165	3,030	792	2,173	37,850

<u>UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD</u>								
1957-58	59,871	2,114	21,147	13,798	3,126	12,597	10,097	122,750
1958-59	55,658	3,434	22,011	14,791	4,071	11,269	8,945	120,179
1959-60	60,859	4,649	19,935	16,864	6,706	10,740	8,020	127,773
1960-61	54,076	2,966	14,816	15,132	9,387	13,274	12,536	122,187
1959 -								
Sep. Qr.	55,682	4,834	21,580	15,610	5,099	11,810	7,878	122,493
Dec. Qr.	54,518	4,675	18,705	16,660	6,312	10,541	6,699	118,110
1960 -								
Mar. Qr.	57,842	5,075	19,216	17,775	5,876	10,513	7,546	123,843
June Qr.	60,859	4,649	19,935	16,864	6,706	10,740	8,020	127,773
Sep. Qr.	63,819	3,349	18,902	17,282	7,714	13,120	8,888	133,074
Dec. Qr.	62,014	2,564	20,151	19,329	9,349	12,801	9,205	135,413
1961 -								
Mar. Qr.	58,854	2,942	16,238	16,329	8,937	12,421	12,198	128,919
June Qr.	54,076	2,966	14,816	15,132	9,387	13,274	12,536	122,187

STATE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND (a) : VICTORIA

REVENUE

(£'000)

Item	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62 (Estimate)	Month of July		
				1959-60	1960-61	1961-62
Taxation	37,994	42,142	43,703	2,738	2,852	2,817
Railways	39,032	42,624	42,734	2,884	2,789	3,057
State Coal Mine	362	360	309	13	23	13
Territorial	2,937	2,853	3,003	124	135	170
Interest	9,313	10,344	11,583	80	119	124
Commonwealth Grants - Financial Agreement	2,127	2,127	2,127	177	177	177
Tax Reimbursement	60,625	67,374	73,049	4,042	4,454	4,870
All Other Revenue	15,920	17,277	17,717	526	468	818
Total	168,310	185,101	194,225	10,584	11,017	12,046

EXPENDITURE

(£'000)

Item	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62 (Estimate)	Month of July		
				1959-60	1960-61	1961-62
Interest, Exchange, etc. (b)	24,362	26,221	29,048	542	467	403
Sinking Fund Contributions	5,300	5,749	6,307	428	478	521
Railways	39,632	42,624	42,734	3,277	3,262	3,440
State Coal Mine	592	622	598	6	32	19
Pensions, etc. (c)	2,472	2,664	2,935	149	145	171
Law and Order	10,591	11,596	12,302	537	532	734
Education	35,308	40,085	43,721	2,472	2,634	3,141
Health	23,339	24,663	25,989	1,583	1,487	1,517
Other Social	3,296	3,674	4,181	102	72	186
All Other Expenditure	23,105	27,033	26,383	1,558	1,538	1,279
Total	167,997	184,931	194,198	10,654	10,647	11,411

(a) Tables on this page have been prepared from information published in the Annual Budget Papers and from the monthly statements issued by the State Treasury.

(b) Excluding interest paid on loans received from the Commonwealth Government for Housing and Soldier Settlement. These amounts are included with "All Other Expenditure".

(c) Excluding Railways pensions which are now included with Railways Expenditure.

13.

MORTGAGES OF REAL ESTATE LODGED FOR REGISTRATION : VICTORIA
 (Lodged under Transfer of Land Acts and Property Law Act)

Period	Under £5,000		£5,000 and Over		Total (a)	
	No.	Amount £'000	No.	Amount £'000	No.	Amount £'000
1956-57	31,655	56,592	1,563	22,967	33,218	79,559
1957-58	34,181	62,935	1,913	26,989	36,094	89,924
1958-59	37,471	73,285	2,460	32,375	39,931	105,660
1959-60	40,092	83,125	2,938	46,121	43,030	129,246
1960-61	42,091	88,681	3,996	69,774	46,087	158,455
1960 -						
Apr.	3,184	6,886	190	2,493	3,374	9,379
May	4,238	9,024	349	6,936	4,587	15,960
June	4,159	8,836	313	4,579	4,472	13,415
July	3,853	8,296	324	7,401	4,177	15,697
Aug.	4,316	9,345	352	6,948	4,668	16,293
Sep.	3,977	8,663	334	5,077	4,311	13,740
1961 -						
Apr.	2,744	5,610	254	4,775	2,998	10,385
May	3,615	7,282	343	5,324	3,958	12,606
June	2,985	5,956	303	4,565	3,288	10,521
July	3,076	6,203	314	5,038	3,390	11,241
Aug.	3,421	7,060	304	4,327	3,725	11,387
Sep.	2,985	6,256	247	3,009	3,232	9,265

MORTGAGES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO TYPES OF MORTGAGEES : VICTORIA
 (£'000)

Period	Banks (a)	Co-operative Housing Societies	Insurance Companies	Commonwealth and State Government Institutions	Others	Total (a)
1956-57	8,371	8,671	16,061	11,447	35,009	79,559
1957-58	12,050	7,790	18,565	15,337	36,182	89,924
1958-59	17,210	8,063	16,636	12,603	51,148	105,660
1959-60	20,495	8,354	19,048	13,097	68,252	129,246
1960-61	19,334	10,363	26,614	12,629	89,515	158,455
1960 -						
Apr.	2,026	475	1,020	1,384	4,474	9,379
May	2,709	752	2,874	1,613	8,012	15,960
June	2,390	763	1,550	1,156	7,556	13,415
July	2,285	743	3,113	892	8,664	15,697
Aug.	2,786	1,111	2,796	1,142	8,458	16,293
Sep.	3,051	1,042	1,673	1,138	6,836	13,740
1961 -						
Apr.	614	686	2,583	1,025	5,477	10,385
May	966	766	2,172	1,229	7,473	12,606
June	917	635	1,457	849	6,663	10,521
July	1,448	653	2,186	1,003	5,951	11,241
Aug.	1,553	888	1,218	989	6,739	11,387
Sep.	1,404	911	659	986	5,305	9,265

(a) Excluding mortgages to trading banks to secure overdrafts on current accounts.

Period	Deposits			Advances	Ratio of Advances to Total Deposits %
	Not Bearing Interest	Bearing Interest	Total		
£'000					
1951-52	329,228	94,332	423,560	228,971	54.06
1952-53	321,396	83,297	404,693	224,091	55.37
1953-54	353,742	90,784	444,526	218,046	49.05
1954-55	367,752	105,717	473,469	249,129	52.62
1955-56	370,587	104,128	474,715	262,672	55.33
1956-57	365,878	111,249	477,127	246,724	51.71
1957-58	375,730	128,772	504,502	251,302	49.81
1958-59	371,873	143,598	515,471	262,590	50.94
1959-60	396,556	151,256	547,812	268,836	49.07
1960-61	384,803	167,826	552,629	313,892	56.80
1960 -					
June	405,217	156,441	561,658	293,542	52.26
July	390,869	162,123	552,992	312,908	56.58
Aug.	386,684	160,825	547,509	316,959	57.89
Sep.	387,748	158,818	546,566	322,823	59.06
1961 -					
June	364,549	186,120	550,669	303,145	55.05
July	348,046	196,027	544,073	307,397	56.50
Aug.	346,199	199,034	545,233	301,371	55.27
Sep.	349,647	204,168	553,815	297,902	53.79

(a) Banks specified in the Banking Act, 1959 (Banking Act 1945-53 prior to 14th January, 1960) and the Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia.

CHEQUE PAYING BANKS (a) - DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS : VICTORIA
(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches)
(Weekly Averages £mill.)

Period	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62
July	183.8	185.0	204.6	219.7	251.2	286.0	297.7
August	167.3	165.1	184.0	194.9	228.6	297.4	270.1
September	169.3	183.5	196.6	206.9	247.6	271.4	284.0
October	183.8	192.3	210.5	224.4	262.7	293.9	
November	196.1	194.3	212.5	225.6	265.1	291.9	
December	205.2	202.8	242.8	253.4	298.0	308.3	
January	172.2	188.0	173.5	176.8	227.4	259.0	
February	184.0	206.2	201.9	244.6	260.8	272.0	
March	191.1	207.1	212.5	235.0	273.2	282.4	
April	190.2	210.4	216.5	223.0	266.2	263.7	
May	199.2	214.6	218.2	247.1	291.7	289.5	
June	181.0	201.7	216.9	240.1	292.5	272.3	

(a) Includes all cheque paying banks and, in addition, the Rural Credits Department of the Reserve Bank and the Commonwealth Development Bank (Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments of the Commonwealth Bank, prior to 14th January, 1960).

SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNTS AND DEPOSITORS' BALANCES (a) : VICTORIA

15.

Period	Number of Operative Accounts - All Savings Banks (b)	Depositors' Balances				
		State Savings Bank	Commonwealth Savings Bank	Other Savings Banks	All Savings Banks	Per Head of Population
	'000		£'000			£
1953-54	2,119	245,607	94,174	-	339,781	138.6
1954-55	2,154	260,151	104,597	-	364,748	144.6
1955-56	2,234	264,317	110,215	11,644	386,176	148.2
1956-57	2,320	266,276	114,542	30,751	411,569	153.9
1957-58	2,437	272,807	117,805	43,019	433,631	158.2
1958-59	2,565	281,296	122,577	54,581	458,454	162.9
1959-60	2,692	298,107	131,243	70,242	499,592	173.7
1960-61	2,822	308,244	133,672	75,552	517,468	175.2
1960 -						
June	2,692	298,107	131,243	70,242	499,592	173.7
July	2,693	300,572	131,903	71,216	503,691	175.2
Aug.	2,692	302,724	132,743	72,401	507,868	175.6
1961 -						
June	2,822	308,244	133,672	75,552	517,468	175.2
July	2,828	312,073	135,024	76,460	523,557	177.3
Aug.	2,822	314,974	135,901	77,531	528,406	178.9

(a) At end of period.

(b) Excluding school bank accounts.

TRADING COMPANIES : VICTORIA

Period	New Trading Companies				Number of Existing Trading Companies (a)	
	Number Registered		Nominal Capital		Victorian	Other
	Victorian	Other	Victorian	Other		
£'000						
1953-54	1,287	108	69,515	22,307	14,439	1,277
1954-55	1,719	127	112,723	81,498	15,627	1,354
1955-56	2,103	152	83,371	117,389	17,702	1,483
1956-57	2,196	138	118,239	45,590	19,531	1,591
1957-58	2,645	191	130,914	87,125	21,662	1,751
1958-59	3,143	211	140,827	151,759	24,525	1,906
1959-60	4,168	248	218,781	145,273	28,340	2,114
1960-61	3,856	257	230,032	99,676	32,146	2,318
1960 -						
July	534	24	27,426	4,156	28,874	2,136
Aug.	403	19	11,928	8,035	29,278	2,151
Sep.	297	31	21,569	12,849	29,575	2,179
1961 -						
July	402	16	7,709	9,391	32,548	2,332
Aug.	247	17	7,591	6,160	32,795	2,346
Sep.	201	19	10,608	2,540	32,996	2,361

Source : Registrar-General.

(a) At end of period.

Period	Number of Agreements Made	Total Value of Goods (b) (£'000)	Amount Financed (c)		Average Proportion of Sale Financed (c) (Per Cent)	Balances Outstanding at End of Period (d) (£'000)
			Total (£'000)	Average Per Agreement (£)		
<u>MOTOR VEHICLES, TRACTORS, ETC.</u>						
1958-59	104,051	78,358	49,477	476	63.1	
1959-60	123,308	96,346	63,566	516	66.0	
1960-61	86,067	71,992	46,994	546	65.3	
1960 -						
Jan.	9,642	6,947	4,597	477	66.2	
Feb.	9,906	7,579	4,994	504	65.9	
Mar.	11,151	8,737	5,744	515	65.7	
Apr.	9,064	7,284	4,913	542	67.4	
May	9,795	7,779	5,208	532	66.9	
June	9,875	7,839	5,278	534	67.3	
1961 -						
Jan.	5,360	4,878	3,116	581	63.9	
Feb.	4,566	3,968	2,511	550	63.3	
Mar.	5,647	4,810	3,133	555	65.1	
Apr.	5,610	4,718	3,013	537	63.9	
May	5,957	4,925	3,207	538	65.1	
June	5,120	4,042	2,582	504	63.9	
<u>PLANT AND MACHINERY</u>						
1958-59	9,072	5,521	3,528	389	63.9	
1959-60	9,061	6,793	4,565	504	67.2	
1960-61	9,012	8,011	5,296	588	66.1	
1960 -						
Jan.	657	501	339	516	67.7	
Feb.	686	512	338	493	66.0	
Mar.	847	776	535	632	68.9	
Apr.	627	551	372	593	67.5	
May	698	522	354	507	67.8	
June	687	673	461	671	68.5	
1961 -						
Jan.	674	631	412	611	65.3	
Feb.	496	483	302	609	62.5	
Mar.	643	604	392	610	64.9	
Apr.	481	387	258	536	66.7	
May	594	567	362	609	63.8	
June	497	435	284	571	65.3	

(a) The statistics on this and the following page relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail, but do not retail goods themselves.

(b) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(c) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

(d) Includes hiring charges and insurance.

(e) Separate details are not available. See "TOTAL (ALL GOODS)" on page 17 for total balances outstanding.

(f) Preliminary estimate only.

Period	Number of Agreements Made	Total Value of Goods (b) (£'000)	Amount Financed (c)		Average Proportion of Sale Financed (c) (Per Cent)	Balances Outstanding at End of Period (d) (£'000)
			Total (£'000)	Average per Agreement (£)		
<u>HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS</u>						
1958-59	183,455	22,902	18,747	102	81.9)
1959-60	180,421	20,085	16,476	91	82.0)
1960-61	134,983	16,062	13,127	97	81.7)
1960 -						
Jan.	16,286	1,667	1,382	85	82.9)
Feb.	14,276	1,567	1,290	90	82.3)
Mar.	14,739	1,681	1,401	95	83.3)
Apr.	12,317	1,388	1,147	93	82.6)
May	15,054	1,761	1,454	97	82.6)
June	13,691	1,714	1,405	103	82.0)
1961 -						
Jan.	11,763	1,384	1,156	98	83.5)
Feb.	9,794	1,222	993	101	81.3)
Mar.	8,586	1,064	873	102	82.0)
Apr.	7,641	973	785	103	80.7)
May	8,575	1,100	885	103	80.5)
June	7,598	912	734	97	80.5)
<u>TOTAL (ALL GOODS)</u>						
1958-59	296,578	106,781	71,752	242	67.2	100,193
1959-60	312,790	123,224	84,607	270	68.7	118,493
1960-61	230,062	96,065	65,417	284	68.1	
1960 -						
Jan.	26,585	9,115	6,318	238	69.3	112,759
Feb.	24,868	9,658	6,622	266	68.6	113,772
Mar.	26,737	11,194	7,680	287	68.6	116,009
Apr.	22,008	9,223	6,432	292	69.7	115,948
May	25,547	10,062	7,016	275	69.7	116,849
June	24,253	10,226	7,144	295	69.9	118,493
1961 -						
Jan.	17,797	6,893	4,684	263	68.0	120,530
Feb.	14,856	5,673	3,806	256	67.1	117,992
Mar.	14,876	6,478	4,398	296	67.9	114,556
Apr.	13,732	6,078	4,056	295	66.7	112,850
May	15,126	6,592	4,454	294	67.6	110,530
June	13,215	5,389	3,600	272	66.8	106,911
						104,951(f)

For footnotes see page 16.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES BY COMMODITY GROUPS : VICTORIA
(£ mill.)

Period	Food-stuffs (a)	Beer, Wine and Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, and Foot-wear	Hardware (b)	Electrical Goods (c)	Other Goods (d)	Total (Excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.)	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc. (e)
1951-52	145.7	41.9	99.7	29.4	21.8	116.2	454.7	117.0
1952-53	163.2	45.6	100.2	30.3	20.9	115.7	475.9	108.7
1953-54	173.3	50.1	112.5	33.1	23.9	121.6	514.5	124.5
1954-55	195.8	53.8	116.5	37.0	26.8	130.5	560.4	146.2
1955-56	212.2	59.0	121.8	39.1	30.0	144.9	607.0	164.6
1956-57	226.5	63.5	127.1	40.3	35.3	151.7	644.4	167.5
1957-58	231.1	65.7	133.8	41.4	43.1	154.8	669.9	188.4
1958-59	246.9	68.2	139.8	45.6	50.5	161.8	712.8	197.4
1959-60	r268.9	71.2	153.8	47.2	52.0	181.9	r775.0	243.4
1960-61	295.2	74.0	159.0	48.7	50.4	189.9	817.2	244.7
1957 -								
June Qr.	55.7	15.2	33.6	9.8	9.3	36.3	159.9	42.9
Sep. Qr.	56.3	14.9	30.8	9.9	9.7	36.9	158.5	43.1
Dec. Qr.	59.7	18.0	38.7	11.9	12.0	44.8	185.1	50.0
1958 -								
Mar. Qr.	56.9	17.1	28.5	10.0	10.5	36.2	159.2	46.8
June Qr.	58.2	15.7	35.8	9.6	10.9	36.9	167.1	48.5
Sep. Qr.	59.8	15.4	33.0	10.9	13.0	38.8	170.9	47.8
Dec. Qr.	63.2	18.1	40.8	13.2	14.7	45.6	195.6	52.7
1959 -								
Mar. Qr.	61.7	18.4	29.0	10.6	11.3	37.3	168.3	47.2
June Qr.	62.2	16.3	37.0	10.9	11.5	40.1	178.0	49.7
Sep. Qr.	r 64.1	16.2	34.8	11.2	12.3	42.2	r180.8	55.2
Dec. Qr.	r 69.2	19.4	44.8	13.4	14.7	51.2	r212.7	65.6
1960 -								
Mar. Qr.	r 66.0	18.5	32.0	11.4	12.3	43.1	r183.3	58.3
June Qr.	r 69.6	17.1	42.2	11.2	12.7	45.4	r198.2	64.3
Sep. Qr.	r 71.5	16.9	38.0	11.8	13.0	47.0	r198.2	67.4
Dec. Qr.	r 77.2	20.6	47.1	14.1	14.7	r 55.3	r229.0	69.0
1961 -								
Mar. Qr.	r 73.4	19.7	32.6	11.5	11.8	43.6	r192.6	53.7
June Qr.	73.1	16.8	41.3	11.3	10.9	44.0	r197.4	54.6

(a) Includes groceries, butchers' meat, fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread.

(b) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. timber, roofing tiles, bricks).

(c) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc.

(d) Includes furniture, tobacco, newspapers, books and stationery, chemists' goods, grain and produce, jewellery, office equipment, etc.

(e) Excludes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, etc.

r : Revised.

NOTE : All figures from September, 1957 are subject to revision.

VALUE OF OVERSEA TRADE : VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIA
(£'000 f.o.b.)

19.

Period	Victoria			Australia		
	Imports	Exports	Excess of Exports	Imports	Exports	Excess of Exports
1951-52	363,193	185,994	-177,199	1,053,423	675,008	-378,415
1952-53	173,775	228,118	54,343	514,109	871,272	357,163
1953-54	237,683	203,581	-34,102	681,609	828,332	146,723
1954-55	297,494	216,572	-80,922	843,742	774,164	-69,578
1955-56	299,340	209,396	-89,944	821,088	781,864	-39,224
1956-57	254,946	255,752	806	718,991	992,906	273,915
1957-58	282,713	218,373	-64,340	791,940	817,946	26,006
1958-59	291,297	219,551	-71,746	796,599	811,463	14,864
1959-60	339,349	244,070	-95,279	926,393	937,682	11,289
1960-61	399,956	247,208	-152,748	1,087,680	969,498	-118,182
1958 -						
Mar.	19,704	16,874	-2,830	59,512	61,106	1,594
Apr.	25,015	15,140	-9,875	67,308	53,014	-14,294
May	25,638	20,708	-4,930	66,726	64,513	-2,213
June	23,151	15,966	-7,185	63,474	54,615	-8,859
July	21,949	16,256	-5,693	64,228	61,547	-2,681
Aug.	28,093	12,708	-15,385	72,954	47,567	-25,387
1959 -						
Mar.	19,334	18,622	-712	58,868	66,509	7,641
Apr.	27,869	17,174	-10,695	73,219	72,313	-906
May	23,178	22,617	-561	63,202	76,698	13,496
June	27,295	19,448	-7,847	69,546	70,841	1,295
July	24,671	17,369	-7,302	70,848	66,662	-4,186
Aug.	26,663	14,855	-11,808	70,933	63,940	-6,993
1960 -						
Mar.	31,488	24,550	-6,938	88,320	88,145	-175
Apr.	26,674	16,886	-9,788	72,607	70,268	-2,339
May	35,071	20,544	-14,527	91,254	77,033	-14,221
June	33,803	20,780	-13,023	89,948	78,352	-11,596
July	31,370	17,738	-13,632	88,956	66,506	-22,450
Aug.	38,576r	11,895r	-26,681r	103,461r	66,275r	-37,186r
1961 -						
Mar.	32,273	23,197	-9,076	89,659	87,871	-1,788
Apr.	31,565	21,669	-9,896	87,011	81,511	-5,500
May	29,313	28,196	-1,117	78,946	94,400	15,454
June	27,597	27,221	-376	74,943	98,088	23,145
July	25,153	20,781	-4,372	69,822	87,662	17,840
Aug.	25,479	21,125	-4,354	73,214	78,797	5,583

r : Revised.

NOTE : Minus sign (-) indicates excess of imports.

All figures from July, 1960 are subject to revision.

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS
 (Excluding Electric Tramways and Road Motor
 Services under the Control of the Railway Commissioners)...

Period	Traffic Train Mileage	No. of Passenger Journeys	Goods Carried (Excl. Livestock)	Live- stock Carried	Earnings (a)	Working Expenses (b)	Excess of Earnings Over Working Expenses
		'000		'000 tons		£ '000	
1952-53	17,690	162,857	8,580	612	31,864	34,008	- 2,144
1953-54	18,303	166,106	8,622	579	35,707	35,951	- 244
1954-55	18,740	169,204	9,508	575	37,667	37,032	635
1955-56	18,635	166,708	9,127	480	37,032	38,026	- 994
1956-57	18,544	167,405	8,935	445	37,352	39,118	- 1,766
1957-58	18,353	167,662	8,385	507	35,954	38,174	- 2,220
1958-59	18,426	163,483	8,840	455	37,907	38,123	- 216
1959-60	18,282	158,153	9,281	407	39,189	39,557	- 368
1960-61	18,232	149,929	10,685	292	42,987	41,627	1,360
1958 -							
Feb.	1,412	13,250	680	38	2,812	2,861	- 49
Mar.	1,569	15,178	763	37	3,111	3,120	- 9
Apr.	1,520	13,654	740	34	2,940	3,057	- 117
May	1,576	14,301	782	29	3,087	3,253	- 166
June	1,439	14,773	693	31	2,890	3,022	- 132
July	1,546	13,626	750	35	2,979	3,346	- 367
1959 -							
Feb.	1,443	13,292	805	35	3,248	2,809	439
Mar.	1,585	14,575	765	35	3,240	3,158	82
Apr.	1,531	13,198	883	34	3,402	3,116	286
May	1,582	13,540	790	31	3,199	3,387	- 188
June	1,538	14,280	723	30	3,103	3,378	- 275
July	1,553	13,415	750	33	3,164	3,474	- 310
1960 -							
Feb.	1,471	16,806	783	26	3,252	2,945	307
Mar.	1,559	11,453	907	28	3,448	3,361	87
Apr.	1,432	9,972	792	20	3,112	3,638	- 526
May	1,466	15,016	858	24	3,438	3,541	- 103
June	1,442	11,322	880	19	3,273	3,206	67
July	1,411	12,834	819	19	3,300	3,341	- 41
1961 -							
Feb.	1,490	15,612	1,074	18	3,931	3,044	887
Mar.	1,633	11,396	1,012	23	3,796	3,527	269
Apr.	1,508	10,556	847	17	3,328	3,369	- 41
May	1,622	14,353	964	29	3,825	3,685	140
June	1,555	12,385	825	18	3,230	4,073	- 843
July	1,550	14,105	799	23	3,453	3,436	17

Source : Victorian Railways Department.

(a) Excludes grants from consolidated revenue.

(b) Including cost of pensions and pay-roll tax.

NOTE : Minus sign (-) denotes excess of working expenses over earnings.

CARGO DISCHARGED AND SHIPPED AT VICTORIAN PORTS
(¹000 tons)

21.

Period	Cargo Discharged				Cargo Shipped			
	Oversea		Interstate		Oversea		Interstate	
	Weight	Measure- ment	Weight	Measure- ment	Weight	Measure- ment	Weight	Measure- ment
1950-51	3,102	1,489	1,868	210	1,250	418	449	239
1951-52	3,093	1,725	2,128	243	1,040	372	444	297
1952-53	2,474	630	2,275	189	1,016	505	404	263
1953-54	2,871	943	2,216	344	856	493	462	423
1954-55	3,938	1,286	2,223	354	1,264	556	883	423
1955-56	4,679	1,306	2,469	369	1,359	550	1,193	372
1956-57	4,665	949	2,412	307	1,467	514	1,164	388
1957-58	4,810	1,032	2,505	339	1,093	541	1,371	365
1958-59	4,923	983	2,740	343	1,618	528	1,110	383
1959-60	5,392	1,228	2,519	491	1,503	532	1,371	537
1960-61	5,707	1,601	2,294	611	2,135	515	1,479	529
1958 -								
Feb.	384	74	165	35	45	26	111	25
Mar.	454	81	172	46	68	45	134	34
Apr.	402	81	212	26	87	48	107	28
May	423	95	202	48	98	74	97	31
June	361	99	242	29	98	60	139	27
July	482	63	219	19	82	49	109	29
1959 -								
Feb.	292	55	205	24	204	22	89	30
Mar.	362	89	268	33	101	47	100	36
Apr.	407	70	227	37	158	55	95	30
May	344	84	266	27	119	61	101	36
June	454	79	310	23	154	49	71	32
July	409	94	277	32	130	42	132	46
1960 -								
Feb.	398	138	184	38	162	31	118	48
Mar.	468	110	153	40	176	55	108	53
Apr.	542	90	172	39	142	43	120	40
May	441	111	193	44	113	62	106	46
June	481	122	230	57	95	39	137	46
July	524	122	220	43	139	44	123	43
1961 -								
Feb.	474	123	133	77	243	43	99	62
Mar.	391	113	184	85	262	45	133	29
Apr.	531	103	157	62	239	49	149	30
May	459	73	192	45	234	58	100	50
June	477	102	197	43	202	45	118	39
July	481	64	196	27	202	42	117	34

REGISTRATION OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES (a) : VICTORIA

Period	Cars (b)	Station Wagons	Utilities	Panel Vans	Other (c)	Total Excluding Motor Cycles	Motor Cycles (d)
1952-53	26,377	397	6,618	1,146	3,694	38,232	1,205*
1953-54	33,708	671	6,673	1,474	3,652	46,178	2,358
1954-55	46,728	800	8,553	2,586	4,768	63,435	2,363
1955-56	48,496	1,167	8,899	3,414	5,256	67,232	2,244
1956-57	42,701	1,161	7,386	3,001	4,319	58,568	1,963
1957-58	45,948	3,897	7,592	3,954	3,962	65,353	2,142
1958-59	45,058	7,868	7,114	5,201	4,421	69,662	2,280
1959-60	57,410	12,787	7,124	5,106	5,007	87,434	2,220
1960-61	52,515	14,485	6,094	3,476	5,234	81,804	1,356
1958 -							
Apr.	4,281	497	682	376	340	6,176	190
May	4,265	601	691	343	389	6,289	162
June	3,538	536	564	343	299	5,280	149
July	3,468	623	592	375	315	5,373	119
Aug.	3,557	600	527	356	324	5,364	160
Sep.	3,663	582	538	386	314	5,483	265
1959 -							
Apr.	3,922	770	589	492	367	6,140	180
May	3,467	688	567	482	386	5,590	205
June	4,132	902	753	527	481	6,795	176
July	3,964	796	647	491	365	6,263	146
Aug.	4,264	925	569	549	367	6,674	152
Sep.	4,363	1,055	512	606	387	6,923	168
1960 -							
Apr.	4,610	1,018	530	292	410	6,860	179
May	5,285	1,341	684	373	509	8,192	182
June	4,712	1,275	535	344	463	7,329	133
July	4,932	1,313	533	340	514	7,632	121
Aug.	5,705	1,411	641	408	542	8,707	148
Sep.	5,060	1,137	488	338	521	7,544	150
1961 -							
Apr.	3,156	1,062	446	265	304	5,233	81
May	3,948	1,126	597	237	415	6,323	93
June	3,066	946	429	216	367	5,624	58
July	2,777	800	406	177	298	4,458	48
Aug.	3,566	1,012	383	211	323	5,495	53
Sep.	3,229	950	328	201	299	5,007	45

(a) Excludes defence service vehicles, but includes other Commonwealth-owned vehicles

(b) Includes ambulances and hearses.

(c) Includes trucks, omnibuses, etc.

(d) Includes motor scooters.

* First 6 months of 1953.

NOTE : Between 1st February, 1955 and 30th June, 1959 figures include extra-metropolitan registrations for month prior to that indicated.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS : VICTORIA
ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CASUALTIES AS REPORTED BY THE POLICE

23.

Period	City of Melbourne (a)			Metropolitan Area Excluding City of Melbourne		
	Accidents Involving Casualties	No. of Persons Killed	No. of Persons Injured	Accidents Involving Casualties	No. of Persons Killed	No. of Persons Injured
1951-52	1,373	49	1,602	4,955	214	5,750
1952-53	1,310	42	1,525	4,740	173	5,579
1953-54	1,142	38	1,326	4,971	186	5,917
1954-55	1,108	38	1,282	5,110	203	6,035
1955-56	1,075	26	1,225	5,248	192	6,307
1956-57	1,074	25	1,287	5,398	205	6,621
1957-58	1,098	29	1,314	5,501	187	6,881
1958-59	1,021	41	1,229	6,967	240	8,799
1959-60	1,143	30	1,386	6,892	283	8,780
1959 -						
Sep. Qr.	340	8	403	1,813	60	2,211
Dec. Qr.	284	5	350	1,786	64	2,311
1960 -						
Mar. Qr.	206	5	252	1,394	65	1,854
Sep. Qr.	293	11	373	1,869	89	2,409
Dec. Qr.	266	10	351	1,767	81	2,353
1961 -						
Mar. Qr.	238	9	321	1,494	62	1,988
Outside Metropolitan Area						
Period	Outside Metropolitan Area			Total - Victoria		
	Accidents Involving Casualties	No. of Persons Killed	No. of Persons Injured	Accidents Involving Casualties	No. of Persons Killed	No. of Persons Injured
1951-52	3,783	340	5,179	10,111	603	12,531
1952-53	4,048	300	5,460	10,098	515	12,564
1953-54	4,424	345	6,108	10,537	569	13,351
1954-55	3,999	287	5,516	10,217	528	12,833
1955-56	4,283	364	5,951	10,606	582	13,483
1956-57	4,332	359	6,212	10,804	589	14,120
1957-58	4,634	355	6,820	11,233	571	15,015
1958-59	4,474	380	6,756	12,462	661	16,784
1959-60	4,232	385	6,429	12,267	698	16,595
1959 -						
Sep. Qr.	991	74	1,415	3,144	142	4,029
Dec. Qr.	1,133	112	1,706	3,203	181	4,367
1960 -						
Mar. Qr.	1,046	89	1,675	2,646	159	3,781
Sep. Qr.	932	90	1,401	3,094	190	4,183
Dec. Qr.	1,040	104	1,583	3,073	195	4,287
1961 -						
Mar. Qr.	1,113	117	1,773	2,845	188	4,082

(a) Municipality of Melbourne.

LIFE ASSURANCE : VICTORIA
NEW POLICIES ISSUED AND POLICIES MATURED OR OTHERWISE DISCONTINUED
(Excluding Annuities)

Period	New Policies Issued				Policies Matured, etc. (a)			
	Ordinary Department		Industrial Department		Ordinary Department		Industrial Department	
	Number	Sum Assured £'000	Number	Sum Assured £'000	Number	Sum Assured £'000	Number	Sum Assured £'000
1950-51	79,383	57,935	81,840	8,645	34,032	16,868	66,807	4,642
1951-52	85,012	71,292	82,349	9,747	33,800	19,921	71,841	5,008
1952-53	82,749	67,812	82,851	10,306	35,506	22,069	78,999	5,752
1953-54	80,720	73,336	70,876	9,399	42,399	28,545	81,985	6,293
1954-55	75,958	90,370	62,569	9,145	42,950	28,729	85,495	6,621
1955-56	81,240	104,646	57,860	9,020	46,090	38,693	86,939	7,094
1956-57	80,963	124,034	57,358	9,009	48,526	35,968	85,866	7,510
1957-58	83,699	155,042	56,678	9,247	52,379	47,589	87,250	7,500
1958-59	87,351	163,523	52,053	9,007	53,009	52,115	83,752	7,868
1959-60	113,257	227,588	52,111	9,608	71,653	63,420	85,201	7,996
1960-61	122,315	281,818	50,104	12,977	128,155	98,339	95,221	9,213
1958 -								
Mar.	7,182	11,537	4,607	751	4,224	4,005	6,487	573
Apr.	5,566	9,020	4,208	676	4,185	3,986	5,521	512
May	7,276	11,933	5,197	836	4,429	3,853	6,617	587
June	7,342	16,901	5,537	942	4,386	3,971	9,318	819
July	8,410	13,797	4,937	821	4,744	4,040	6,668	563
Aug.	7,832	12,361	4,534	788	4,585	4,264	7,121	584
1959 -								
Mar.	6,510	11,208	4,862	844	4,171	4,547	6,170	604
Apr.	7,808	13,639	4,691	808	4,584	4,570	6,162	561
May	8,343	15,671	4,721	823	4,556	4,536	6,724	669
June	8,789	15,213	5,016	909	5,877	5,652	8,836	850
July	8,478	17,960	4,278	760	5,094	4,615	7,444	673
Aug.	8,936	17,521	5,443	966	4,975	5,349	8,374	752
1960 -								
Mar.	10,752	16,734	4,826	860	5,838	4,982	5,557	515
Apr.	8,945	16,931	3,905	767	5,398	4,934	6,190	551
May	12,083	21,431	4,615	891	12,306	6,276	9,077	860
June	10,507	20,276	4,967	960	6,358	6,084	7,506	661
July	12,598	24,025	4,233	832	6,117	5,608	5,137	491
Aug.	12,477	21,928	6,132	1,464	18,456	6,151	8,822	768
1961 -								
Mar.	8,488	18,408	4,329	1,207	7,665	8,002	7,871	783
Apr.	8,635	15,589	3,653	970	5,863	6,803	6,730	761
May	11,137	20,611	5,130	1,298	8,068	9,262	8,688	888
June	10,306	20,229	4,502	1,273	20,364	9,838	8,876	857
July	9,808	21,503	4,894	1,345	11,242	10,268	9,117	912
Aug.	10,455	24,637	4,454	1,119	18,970	12,558	7,316	689

(a) Includes policies which became due for payment on account of death or maturity, policies surrendered, and policies discontinued for other causes.

25.

LIFE ASSURANCE : VICTORIA
NEW LOANS GRANTED BY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES
(Excluding Advances of Premiums)

(£'000)

Period	On Mortgage of Real Estate	On Companies' Policies	Other	Total
1950-51	13,187	763	1,111	15,061
1951-52	12,796	1,115	1,959	15,870
1952-53	6,362	1,108	1,427	8,897
1953-54	8,989	930	866	10,785
1954-55	12,781	1,108	674	14,563
1955-56	14,966	1,557	1,196	17,719
1956-57	15,859	1,690	1,997	19,546
1957-58	14,773	1,820	760	17,353
1958-59	16,525	2,189	622	19,336
1959-60	17,946	2,443	1,285	21,674
1960-61	21,845	3,813	1,806	27,464
1958 -				
Mar.	1,146	181	67	1,394
Apr.	1,409	145	124	1,678
May	1,591	151	2	1,744
June	952	184	5	1,141
July	1,198	185	30	1,413
Aug.	1,005	190	48	1,243
1959 -				
Mar.	1,292	180	21	1,493
Apr.	1,760	208	69	2,037
May	1,585	217	129	1,931
June	1,268	223	106	1,597
July	1,080	222	282	1,584
Aug.	1,245	195	66	1,506
1960 -				
Mar.	1,566	244	94	1,904
Apr.	1,448	185	19	1,652
May	2,140	237	65	2,442
June	1,470	251	122	1,843
July	1,471	241	542	2,254
Aug.	1,971	249	243	2,463
1961 -				
Mar.	1,970	410	118	2,498
Apr.	1,659	293	17	1,969
May	1,482	415	95	1,992
June	1,665	392	73	2,130
July	1,968	350	64	2,382
Aug.	1,064	313	78	1,455

POST OFFICE REVENUE (a) : VICTORIA

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Period	Commission on Money Orders and Poundage on Postal Notes	Telegraphs	Telephones	Postage, Private Boxes, Bags, etc.	Miscell- aneous	Total
1958-59	255.4	1,538.7	17,539.8	9,327.1	1,001.1	29,662.1
1959-60	293.9	1,688.5	21,110.5	11,203.2	979.6	35,275.7
1960-61	301.1	1,831.4	23,549.1	12,040.6	1,098.5	38,820.7
1959 -						
Aug.	21.8	104.2	1,550.7	722.6	73.7	2,473.0
Sep.	21.8	185.8	1,374.6	738.4	80.5	2,401.1
Oct.	7.8	114.0	1,510.9	1,019.7	94.8	2,747.2
1960 -						
Aug.	25.6	150.1	2,192.2	998.4	104.7	3,471.0
Sep.	26.0	138.2	1,689.6	925.4	38.7	2,817.9
Oct.	25.6	123.4	1,923.9	970.1	97.2	3,140.2
1961 -						
Aug.	23.1	166.0	2,313.2	993.3	75.1	3,570.7
Sep.	26.0	105.1	1,723.0	892.6	73.0	2,819.7
Oct.	24.5	202.9	1,968.6	1,039.7	168.4	3,404.1

(a) Excludes radio receipts.

POST OFFICE SERVICES : VICTORIA

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Period	Gross Connections of Telephone Services			Television Viewers' Licences in Force (a)			Broadcast Listeners' Licences in Force (a)
	Metro.	Country	Total	Metro.	Country	Total	
1958-59	30.7	14.1	44.8	241.8	28.3	270.1	605.3
1959-60	33.4	14.5	47.9	308.7	44.4	353.1	606.6
1960-61	39.0	16.6	55.6	n.a.	n.a.	401.4	589.4
1959 -							
July	4.1	1.4	5.5	246.9	29.7	276.6	602.8
Aug.	2.9	1.2	4.1	253.1	31.1	284.2	600.2
Sep.	3.3	1.4	4.7	257.3	32.3	289.6	594.8
1960 -							
July	3.4	1.4	4.8	314.9	46.3	361.2	607.5
Aug.	3.3	1.7	5.0	322.3	47.9	370.2	612.0
Sep.	3.5	1.4	4.9	329.0	48.9	377.9	612.8
1961 -							
July	3.1	1.6	4.7	n.a.	n.a.	402.5	583.6
Aug.	3.9	1.5	5.4	n.a.	n.a.	410.9	584.0
Sep.	3.3	1.5	4.8	n.a.	n.a.	410.8	575.1

Source : Postmaster-General's Department.

(a) At end of period.

n.a. Not available.

RAINFALL IN DISTRICTS : VICTORIA
(Inches)

27.

Period	Mallee	Wimmera	Western	Northern Country	North Central	Central	North East	Gipps-land
1911-40 (a)	12.49	17.52	27.59	18.09	28.16	28.89	34.81	33.47
1954	13.41	17.68	25.92	21.22	29.88	30.93	35.58	34.02
1955	17.68	22.44	32.40	26.00	35.99	34.12	49.05	33.86
1956	20.85	24.31	34.02	31.45	41.17	34.29	55.59	44.25
1957	9.67	14.87	26.82	13.55	23.01	24.85	27.32	31.98
1958	15.45	17.65	29.05	21.40	31.57	28.99	37.78	35.42
1959	9.97	15.16	24.46	16.56	26.09	26.53	27.69	33.63
1960	18.08	24.75	36.01	22.70	38.45	34.98	40.16	37.26
1911-40 (b)								
Jan.	0.68	0.74	1.19	1.04	1.37	1.66	1.83	2.49
Feb.	1.02	1.14	1.57	1.27	1.73	1.87	2.01	2.33
Mar.	0.65	0.79	1.59	1.16	1.72	2.22	2.22	2.68
Apr.	0.82	1.18	2.15	1.33	2.12	2.41	2.48	2.74
May	1.23	1.77	2.69	1.68	2.58	2.41	3.05	2.65
June	1.32	1.97	2.89	2.06	3.18	2.67	4.26	3.05
July	1.23	1.97	2.91	1.85	3.02	2.47	3.82	2.86
Aug.	1.24	1.94	3.19	1.84	3.11	2.71	4.03	2.90
Sep.	1.27	2.00	2.97	1.82	2.83	2.78	3.27	2.93
Oct.	1.22	1.51	2.50	1.65	2.52	2.90	3.20	3.25
Nov.	0.86	1.22	2.11	1.13	1.94	2.43	2.23	2.74
Dec.	0.95	1.29	1.83	1.26	2.04	2.36	2.41	2.85
1959 -								
Nov.	0.32	0.79	0.94	0.56	1.77	1.59	1.54	2.36
Dec.	0.61	1.69	3.67	1.43	2.43	2.94	1.56	3.34
1960 -								
Jan.	2.08	1.26	1.44	1.69	1.56	1.55	2.72	1.24
Feb.	1.44	1.69	2.92	1.08	1.80	2.09	1.11	1.64
Mar.	0.63	1.19	1.65	0.52	0.66	0.64	1.01	1.16
Apr.	1.18	2.31	4.49	1.62	4.40	5.65	3.48	3.16
May	2.74	4.41	4.86	4.04	6.76	5.57	7.96	6.78
June	0.95	1.44	2.30	0.99	2.43	1.61	1.87	3.55
July	2.04	1.83	4.17	2.59	4.66	3.99	5.64	4.24
Aug.	1.55	2.25	3.21	2.00	3.31	2.83	3.54	2.41
Sep.	2.50	3.75	4.49	4.06	5.70	4.02	5.16	4.02
Oct.	0.26	0.85	2.01	0.67	1.36	1.57	1.85	2.36
Nov.	2.42	2.90	3.64	2.31	4.68	4.42	3.31	4.61
Dec.	0.29	0.87	0.83	1.13	1.13	1.04	2.51	2.09
1961 -								
Jan.	0.24	0.14	0.39	0.62	1.09	0.77	1.10	1.24
Feb.	0.46	0.61	0.62	0.59	1.05	1.30	0.86	1.34
Mar.	1.00	0.71	1.11	1.81	2.41	2.28	1.82	4.84
Apr.	1.83	2.83	4.41	1.95	3.46	2.65	3.42	2.46
May	0.28	0.59	1.82	0.51	1.20	2.03	0.90	2.53
June	0.67	1.48	2.89	1.50	3.56	2.83	3.37	3.26
July	1.40	2.07	3.21	1.36	3.28	2.73	3.60	4.99
Aug.	1.04	0.92	2.60	1.66	2.42	3.06	3.52	3.03
Sep.	1.51	1.27	1.72	1.19	0.97	0.93	1.48	2.84
Oct.	0.52	1.34	2.05	0.85	2.23	1.95	2.29	2.56

Source : Commonwealth Bureau of Meteorology.

(a) Average rainfall per year over standard 30 year's period.

(b) Average rainfall per month over a standard 30 year's period.

SALES OF WOOL AT AUCTION : VICTORIA

Period	Wool Sold			Amount Realized				Average Price of Greasy Wool at Auction in Victoria (Including Albury)	
	Greasy and Scoured			Melbourne	Geelong	Albury and Ballarat	Total		
	Melbourne	Geelong	Albury and Ballarat						
	'000 bales			£'000				pence per lb.	
1950-51	570.8	279.6	126.9	103,025	55,495	21,347	179,867	150.74	
1951-52	576.6	308.6	114.3	46,987	28,194	8,960	84,141	68.65	
1952-53	626.2	335.6	131.4	59,334	35,857	11,659	106,850	79.10	
1953-54	577.1	306.8	124.0	55,438	32,946	11,370	99,754	82.24	
1954-55	617.2	359.3	135.5	53,895	34,137	11,233	99,265	73.37	
1955-56	669.5	382.7	142.7	50,538	30,877	10,139	91,554	62.22	
1956-57	761.6	442.6	157.2	72,751	45,761	13,890	132,402	79.87	
1957-58	679.9	448.5	123.7	51,648	36,649	9,226	97,523	63.82	
1958-59	738.9	437.9	148.7	44,970	28,010	8,947	81,927	49.89	
1959-60	784.2	480.7	151.1	56,685	37,603	10,868	105,156	60.11	
1960-61	780.1	480.4	129.5	51,577	35,488	6,535	93,600	53.66	
1960-61									
July-Sep.	132.8	0.1	23.5	8,047	1,436	..	9,483	47.59	
1961-62									
July-Sep.	113.3	16.9	25.1	9,507	1,200	1,767	12,474	55.87	
1960 -									
July	7.6	0.1	..	433	3	..	436	45.56	
Aug.	38.8	..	..	2,296	..	..	2,296	45.44
Sep.	86.4	..	23.5	5,318	1,433	..	6,751	48.50	
Oct.	70.5	76.7	22.7	4,385	5,042	1,374	10,801	50.74	
Nov.	108.9	49.0	24.5	7,187	3,536	1,550	12,273	53.45	
Dec.	62.1	50.4	1.2	4,028	3,539	75	7,642	53.32	
1961 -									
Jan.	65.6	49.5	23.0	4,339	3,400	1,428	9,167	53.17	
Feb.	66.6	49.6	..	4,685	3,583	..	8,268	57.34	
Mar.	47.9	50.6	25.9	3,332	3,617	1,643	8,592	55.62	
Apr.	66.5	49.2	..	4,905	3,642	..	8,547	59.38	
May	98.9	91.4	..	6,859	6,925	..	13,784	57.62	
June	60.3	13.9	8.7	3,810	768	465	5,043	48.02	
July	0.2	..	..	7	..	..	7	64.50
Aug.	62.6	..	..	r 4,468	..	..	r 4,468	55.11
Sep.	70.5	16.9	25.1	5,032	1,200	1,767	7,999	56.30	

Source : National Council of Wool Selling Brokers.

r : Revised.